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Sir:

## COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 8, 2005 OFFICE COMMUNICATION

This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Communication issued July 8, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the July 8, 2005 Office Communication is due on August 8, 2005. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

## REMARKS

In the July 8, 2005 Communication, the Examiner alleged that applicants' reply filed on April 15, 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior (March 15, 2005) Office Action.

In response, applicants respectfully disagree and contend that the July 8, 2005 Communication was issued in error.